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SUBJECT: TALKS WITH SOVIETS ON 29TH UNGA ISSUES:

MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR-WEAPON FREE ZONE AND

SOUTH ASIA NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE.

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1. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL PAPER ON SOVIET VIEWS ON
MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE AND SOUTH ASIA
NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE.

2. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY CLEAR INDICATIONS OF SOVIET
ATTITUDES TOWARD EITHER PROPOSAL. THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY
EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR THE NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE CONCEPT AND
MAY SEE SOME PROPAGANDA OPPORTUNITIES IN THE IRANIAN
PROPOSAL FOR A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. HOWEVER, IF THE CHANGE IN TITLE OF THE ITEM FROM
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"NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE" TO "NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE" IN-

DICATES THE SPONSORS WOULD MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT, THE SOVIETS WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH A RESOLUTION EMBODYING THIS APPROACH. FOR OUR PART, WE WILL PROBABLY NEED TO RESTATE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OUR POSITION OF NOT RECOGNIZING ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PEACEFUL AND MILITARY NUCLEAR DEVICES AT AN EARLY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT.

2. THE SOVIETS HAVE REVIVED (IN A JULY 21 BREZHNEV

SPEECH) THEIR OLD DRIVE FOR DENUCLEARIZATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN. THE SOVIETS, IF THIS ARISES, SHOULD BE REMINDED OF OUR CRITERION THAT A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH NECESSARY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

4. SOVIETS WILL PROBABLY APPROACH THE PAKISTANI PROPOSAL FOR A SOUTH ASIA NFZ IN LIGHT BOTH OF ITS NON-PROLIFERATION IMPLICATIONS AND ITS EFFECT ON AND ACCEPTABILITY TO INDIA. YOU SHOULD INDICATE ONLY THAT OUR APPROACH TO THE PAKISTANI PROPOSAL WILL EMPLOY THE SAME FOUR CRITERIA WE WILL APPLY TO THE MENFZ AND THAT OUR EVENTUAL POSITION ON BOTH INITIATIVES WILL OF COURSE DEPEND SIGNIFICANTLY ON CONTENT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS TABLED. KISSINGER

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